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1. SEKIC CONFIRMS FEBRUARY 21 PROGRAMMING DATE. ARRIVES
WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 20, ;8- PA-067.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFFS, SEKIC REAFFIRMED HIS INTEREST
IN FINDING OUT HOW USG DEALS WITH PROBLEMS OF UNDER-DEVELOPED
OR ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREAS. HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO
POLICY MAKERS ON THEORETICAL ASPECTS DEVELOPMENT, THEN SEE ACTUAL
RESULTS OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS. INTERESTED IN QUESTIONS OF TYPES
OF INDUSTRY TO BE INTRODUCED INTO DEVELOPING AREAS AND IN RE-
TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR WORKERS IN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREAS
WHERE MAJOR INDUSTRY, SUCH AS COAL MINING IN APPALACHIA, IS
DYING OUT. HE ALSO INTERESTED IN OBSERVING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
PLANNED FOR BLACK/HISPANIC AND/OR AMERICAN INDIAN AREAS.

3. IN ADDITION TO VISITING AREAS AND MEETING OFFICIALS
(CONGRESS, COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE), PROPOSED IN STAGE 200904,
SEKIC SHOULD ALSO VISIT NEW YORK CITY TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT
HOW FINANCIAL PROBLEMS THAT CITY BEING HANDLED AND TO MEET WITH
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AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN (SEE PARA 5 BELOW). NEW YORK SHOULD
PROBABLY BE LAST STOP ON SCHEDULE.

4. SEKIC INTERESTED IN SEEING LARGE AGRICULTURAL OPERATION BUT
MORE INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT DEVELOPMENT USG AGRICULTURE
POLICY. POST THEREFORE RECOMMENDS HE MEET APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS
IN DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE TO DISCUSS PRICE-SUPPORT POLICY, FINANCING,

OTHER USG ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS. VISIT TO DOMESTIC COUNCIL OR JACK WATSON'S GROUP ON WATER RESOURCES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALSO RECOMMENDED. SEKIC PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURE AS HE COMES FROM VOJODINA AREA, "BREAD BASKET" OF YUGOSLAVIA.

5. SEKIC IS WILLING (AND POST STRONGLY RECOMMENDS WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS WILLINGNESS) TO MEET WITH U.S. BUSINESSMEN, BANKERS TO DISCUSS INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN DEVELOPING AREAS OF YUGOSLAVIA AND TO EXPLAIN NEW LAW ON JOINT VENTURES WHICH HE EXPECTS WILL BE ADOPTED BY TIME OF HIS VISIT. POST RECOMMENDS THAT DEPT. OF COMMERCE IN WASHINGTON AND U.S./YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN NEW YORK ORGANIZE MEETINGS AT WHICH SEKIC COULD SPEAK OF THESE SUBJECTS. RECOMMEND SEKIC MEET DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE STAN KATZ WHO IN BEST POSITION ORGANIZE MEETINGS WITH BUSINESSMEN IN WASHINGTON. JAMES WALKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, U.S./YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC COUNCIL SHOULD BE ASKED ORGANIZE NEW YORK MEETING, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY INCLUDE PARTICIPATION BY DIRECTOR YUGOSLAV TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK, WH FRIEND OF SEKIC'S.

6. AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS THAT SEKIC HAVE MEETING AT WORLD BANK, EITHER WITH PRESIDENT MCNAMARA OR WITH REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT MUNIR BENJENK. WORLD BANK IS HAVILY INVOLVED IN YUGOSLAV DEVELOPING AREAS.

7. AS TIME AND ITINERARY PERMIT, SEKIC WOULD LIKE TO RENEW UNCLASSIFIED

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ACQUAINTANCE WITH FOLLOWING OFFICIALS OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS:

A. FNU COOPER, FORMERLY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF WORLD FEDERATION OF WAR VETERANS. HE HAS VISITED YUGOSLAVIA SEVER TIMES. SEKIC BELIEVES HE IS FROM TEXAS AND WAS COLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

B. STAN ALLEN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF DISABLED WAR VETERANS.

8. NON-PROFESSIONAL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM: WHILE SEKIC ENJOYS CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, HE WISHES TO CONCENTRATE ON PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS AND IN GAINING OVERALL PICTURE OF LIFE IN US. IN ORDER FOR GRANTEE TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM PROGRAM, RECOMMEND THAT HIS SCHEDULE BE FLEXIBLE AND CHECKED WITH HIM AS VISIT PRGRESSES.

9. SEKIC WILL OF COURSE WANT OT VISIT YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND CONSULATE GENERAL AND COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK. DEPARTMENT SHOULD COORDINATE WITH THESE OFFICES IN ARRANGING PROGRAM TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT GRANTEE'S SCHEDULE.

10. SEKIC'S CONVERSATION PARTNERS WILL FIND HE IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC, FRIENDLY MAN; SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN HIS SUBJECT; PRAGMATIC IN HIS OUTLOOK.

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